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SUBJECT: JAPAN TO EXTEND SELF DEFENSE FORCE PARTICIPATION
IN GOLAN HEIGHTS OBSERVER FORCE

¶1. (U) Japan decided July 31 to extend Japan Self Defense Force (JSDF) participation in the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force in the Golan Heights (UNDOF) for an additional six months ending March 31, 2008, according to press reports confirmed by MOFA contacts. The decision was made in response to a July 20 UNSC decision to extend the mandate of UNDOF for another six months.

¶2. (U) Japan has been providing rear area support to UNDOF by sending Ground Self Defense Force (GSDF) units and other personnel to take part in transport operations and road repair work since February 1996. In addition, the Air Self Defense Force (ASDF) has been supporting the GSDF with occasional airlifts of food and other supplies with its C-130 transports, although the ASDF is not a member of UNDOF.

¶3. (U) The decision to extend JSDF participation was based on the understanding that Japan, as a member of the international community, should continue making contributions toward the achievement of peace in the Middle East, according to MOFA Foreign Policy Bureau's Peacekeeping Operations Office.
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